Outdoor Recreation Is Big Business In Appomattox

Appomattox County is well suited for a number of kinds of outdoor recreation enterprises according to an outdoor recreation appraisal. Appraising the resources of the county for 12 kinds of outdoor recreation were personnel from the various agencies of the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, local resource people, and recreation specialists from VPI and the Soil Conservation Service.

Outdoor recreation is already big business in Appomattox County. The National Historic Park attracted about 240-000 visitors in 1971. There are many opportunities to develop outdoor recreation enterprises to keep many of these tourist a day longer, to attract other visitors, and to better provide needed recreation for the local people.

The demand for outdoor recreation is greatly increasing. U. S. Dept of Agriculture studies indicate that the demand for outdoor recreation will triple in the next 30 years. Appomattox County, located in the heart of Virginia and bisected by two tourist routes has more opportunity to increase in outdoor recreation than the nation as a whole.

The recreation appraisal considers the entire county. No attempt is made to evaluate a particular site. Detailed information on the recreation appraisal for Appomattox County is available at the office of the Extension Service or Soil Conservation Service. After making tentative plans on the location and enterprise, a feasibility study of the proposed development should be made. The feasibility study attempts to answer four basic questions:

1. What do I have or can I develop that is saleable?
2. Who and how many can I sell it to?
3. Will I be able to make a reasonable profit from my investment and labors?
4. What traits, skills and training do I need to effectively manage the particular enterprise being considered?

The appraisal of the resources of Appomattox County for twelve types of outdoor recreation developments pointed out those kinds that are more likely to succeed.

Vacation Cabins, Cottages, and Homesites – Appomattox County is well suited for vacation living space. The scenery, topography, streams, and potential lakesites within a days drive 6 million urban people makes the county an ideal place for rural vacation living.

Camping – The county is suitable for two types of camping enterprises. They are: Vacation site camping where the camper stays several days and transient camping where the camper stops overnight while traveling to a vacation site. Transient campgrounds must be well located along major tourist routes Vacation site camping must have special attractions such as swimming, fishing, boating, or nature study.

Picnic and Field Sports Areas –Most Picnicking takes place in public areas, parks, rest areas, and revior vistas. With the expanding need for picnic areas, private facilities are increasingly popular. Large groups frequently need catering services. The large number of visitors that visit the National Historic Park and Holiday Lake increase the demand for picnic areas.

Field sports need areas for concentrated play of competitive games. These ball diamonds, courts, etc. may or may not be around water sports areas. Such sports depend on a large number of youngsters living in the area.

Fishing Waters – Although there are about 200 farm ponds in Appomattox County, there are numerous potential impoundment sites from 1/2 acre to 500 acres. All species of fish in the county are warm water species, except for the small mouth bass in the James River. Pollution reduces the recreational value of the James. There are no elevations in Appomattox County high enough for trout to live through the summer.

Golf Courses – Appomattox County has an abundance of open space with gently rolling terrain, suitable soil, and fresh air. Most important to the golf enterprise are the number of professional people and medium to high income level occupants within a half-hour's drive.

Hunting – White tail deer is the only big game species in the county. Deer population and quality are good and seem to be improving. Small game in the county may be at its peak. Less cropland, more grassland and grazing, and more woodland will reduce quail habitat. There is an opportunity for landowners to manage their land to produce more quality hunting. Hunters, in turn, will have to offer these game managers an incentive for providing better quality hunting.

Natural Science Historic–Historically, Appomattox ranks high. About 240,000 people from all over the United States and Canada visited the National Historic Park in 1971. Many historic sites of less significance have good potential for development and would entertain tourists attracted to the county by the Park. These may include the abandoned Indian Clay Pipe Factory where clay pipes were made and sold all over Europe, or Redfields, an oldhome that served as a hospital during the Civil War, with blood stains still showing on the floor. Spring Mills Museum shows much of our past agriculture and industry. Floods and decay have destroyed all but a few water-powered mills. Water power was used to mill corn meal, flour, and saw lumber.

Riding Stables – Horses are growing in popularity. Horseback riding as an enterprise does better in other recreation areas such as vacation farms, group camps, etc., and can seldom stand alone as the sole attraction. The more than 10,000 acres in Appomattox County which lies within the Appomattox-Buckingham State Forest has numerous trails which are excellent for bridal trails.

Shooting Preserves – As areas for natural hunting become less plentiful, more sportsmen will hunt at shooting preserves. Hunting of stocked, domestic game under conditions simulating natural hunting is most likely to succeed in areas near cities with a high percentage of professional and high income men.

The operation consists of farming the land to grow crops for food and cover for released game. Game birds (bob white quail, ringneck pheasant, and mallard duck) are used in Virginia. Usually kennels for boarding and training gun dogs are also available.

Vacation Farms – A vacation farm offers rural living for urban families. Many urban families are seeking a retreat from the "hustle and bustle;" of city life as well as the air pollution and city heat. Vacation farms provide an opportunity for families to have the peace and contentment of rural living. Home cooked meals and extra living quarters are essential.

Here the family can be entertained on the farm by horse back riding, gardening, fishing and nature hikes. Neat, full-time, general farming operations with extra living quarters have an excellent opportunity to develop this enterprise.

Water Sports Areas – Although Appomattox County has few areas of water developed to attract people that enjoy water sports, there is much potential. Swimming, sun bathing, boating water skiing, and skin diving are among the most popular forms of outdoor recreation, and the demand is increasing. Most lakes in the county are too small for extensive water sports, but there is potential to develop dozens of lakes form 100 to 500 surface acres.

The detailed outdoor recreation study for Appomattox County has been made available by the Robert E. Lee Soil and Water Conservation District and the County Board of Supervisors. Copies are available upon request at the office of the Extension Service or Soil Conservation Service.

Dan Carson of Appomattox hooks a nice bluegill in one of their three farm ponds. Fishing in local farm ponds is a great way to relax after a hard days work.

Swimming is definitely one of the best forms of exercise any one can participate in - and in Appomattox County we are quite fortunate to have near-by Holiday Lake for swimmers and for campers.

Holiday Lake is very popular with area fishermen and is well stocked with fish. Boats are available for use and there are acres of water so if the fish are not biting one place - you can move on and try another. The scenery is beautiful and you will want to see all of Holiday Lake.

STONEWALL

"The word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee." Psalm 119:11.

Mr. Brad Wheeler took supper Monday night with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Wheeler. He has volunteered for air force and will leave for Texas on June 29 for his six weeks training. He will graduate from Rustburg High School on Monday night. We wish him a lot of good luck.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Barbour, of Lynchburg, visited Mrs. Elsie Krantz Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Davidson and family were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Bondurant Sunday.

Miss Mattie Wright is staying with Mrs. Kathleen Carson at Concord now after being at home for a few weeks.

Mesdames Nellie Krause, Inez Foster, Gloria Gunter, and Lillian Routon took the tour to North Carolina with the HD Club members. A grand time was reported.

Mr. Jim Herndon is a patient at the hospital and is taking treatment for a few days.

Mrs. Eugene Cyrus had a heart attack Friday and is in the Lynchburg General Hospital. Do hope for her a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Billy King and sons, Jimmy and Raymond, Mr. and Mrs. Irby King and children visited Mr. and Mrs. H.G.King over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Rowland and three boys visited Mr. and Mrs. Richard Krantz Sunday. Kelley is spending the week with them.

Last Sunday Miss Becky Davidson was the guest of Miss Mary Dyess.

Mr. and Mrs. Dancey McCraw had Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Judy, Mr. and Mrs. Boston, Mr. and Mrs. Perry McCraw for the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Wheeler visited Melvin Stratton Saturday.

Modernistic Club News Bulletin

The May meeting of the club was held in the home of Mrs. Theda Harris, Lynchburg, Va., since she had been unable to meet with the club this school year, due to illness. The meeting was a surprise one for Mrs. Harris, but a very enjoyable one. The members decided to have a pot luck dinner, and each member brought in a covered dish, and all present had a very lovely evening.

The regular game "Bingo" was played. Prizes were won by Mesdames: Williams, Webb, and Hamlet. A guest prize was given to Mrs. Theda M. Harris. A very nice evening was spent.

The last meeting of the year will be held in the home of Mrs. T. W. Hamlet, Friday, June 16, at 6 p.m. We shall look for each member to be present and on time. Business of importance will be discussed.

A very nice audience turned out for Sunday School at Galilee Baptist Church, Sun., June 11 at 10 a.m. The lesson was informative, and well explained by Pastor R. Q. Lawing.

In and out of Town over the week end:

Mrs. Mickie Clark and daughter, Judy Karen, of Chicago, Ill., are visiting relatives and friends in Appomattox this week. While here they attended the graduation exercises of the Appomattox County High School held at the Appomattox County High School Stadium, June 4-5. Her nephew, Tony Jerone Allen, was a 1972 graduate.

Miss H. B. Stevens has returned from a visit to the Tidewater section of Va., visiting friends for the past week. She brings greetings from the following: Mesdames Mildred Hart Delaney, Ophelia M. Venable, Elaine P. Lambert and Dr. Juanita Fisher Strawn, and family, all of Norfolk, and Hampton, Va. While in Hampton, she attended the 102nd annual commencement Hampton Institute, where one of her former students, Miss Rita Viola Johnson, graduated with honors.

Miss Stevens wishes to thank Mrs. Eula P. Johnson for giving her such a wonderful trip to Norfolk, Va.

While in Hampton the writer also attended the Installation Service for the Rev. William T. Perkins May 28th, 3 p.m., who is pastor of Third Baptist Church, of which Mrs. Mildred H. Delaney is a member.

See you next week!

MISS FLICK AMONG SEVEN HILLS GRADUATES

Donna Leah Flick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence D. Flick Route 2, Appomattox was among twenty-six seniors to graduate from Seven Hills School, Lynchburg Virginia on Friday, June 9.

Commencement excercises culminated a list of fourteen elementary and high schools attended by Miss Flick over the past twelve years. Included in this number were schools at Midway Island in the Pacific, Honolulu, Texas and New Jersey. She also attended Appomattox High School and Saint Margarets School for Girls, Tappahannock, Va. prior to entering Seven Hills in the Fall of 1969.

Enrolled for the Fall term at Randolph-Macon Woman's College in Lynchburg, Miss Flick will transfer to Mount Holyoke College, South Hadley, Massachusettes in February, 1973 for the remainder of her undergraduate work. One of the renowned Seven Sister Colleges, Mout Holyoke is considered one of the top three woman's colleges in the United States.

Miss Flick is the granddaughter of Colonel and Mrs. Lawrence G. Flick of Guilford, Conn. and the late Van. B. Cassie Myra Webb of Appomattox.

BETHANY H D CLUB TO MEET MONDAY

The Bethany Home Demonstration Club will meet on Monday, June 19, at the home of Mrs. Mott Harvey.

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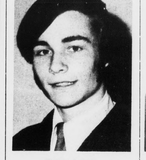

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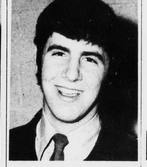

Douglas Webb

David Wheeler

On-Farm Storage Increasing

With the spring planting rush over, farmers now have a little more time to take a long-range look at their operations, including sizing up storage capability for the fall harvest, according to J. P. Alvis, Jr., Chairman of the Appomattox County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service Committee.

Already, the nationwide amount of the farm storage facility and drying equipment loans to farmers by the Commodity Credit Corporation is four times higher for the first 10 months of fiscal 1972 than for the corresponding period the year before. New loans amounted to more than $112,000,000 through April 1972, compared with a little over $27,-000,000 a year earlier.

Appomattox County farmers have not participated fully in this trend toward more on-farm storage of wheat, corn, milo, soybeans and similar commodities, reported Mr. Alvis.

"A number of factors account for the large nationwide increase" said the Chairman. "The 1971 record corn crop may have been the biggest factor, along with high production of other grains. Also changes in loan regulations made it possible for more farmers to get farm storage facility loans. Another change this spring, reducing the interest rate to 5 1/2 percent, has resulted in more loan applications also.

"National and international situations affect the trend toward more on-farm storage. For instance, dollar crises, dock strikes, freight car shortages, transportation innovations -- all of these affect the flow of grain from farmer to world consumers. If this flow is checked, even briefly, grain piles up. Many farmers see on-farm storage as a way in which they can have some control of the rate of the flow of grain to the market."

The ASC Committee chairman said he was not urging Appomattox County farmers to invest in more farm storage. "Only the individual farmer can assess his needs and make that decision. However, I would urge producers to consider farm storage now, well ahead of harvest, and to check with the county ASCS office about the loan program."

Full details on farm storage facility and drying equipment loans are available from the Appomattox County ASCS Office at Appomattox, Va. telephone number 352-5263. As with all ASCS -administered programs, eligibility for participation is not based in any way on race, creed, color, sex, or national origin.

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LYNCHBURG, VA. –H. Lloyd Faulconer, Vice President, Liquidation and Recovery Department of Fidelity National Bank, is one of 51 bankers from throughout the nation serving as a thesis advisor with the Graduate School of Consumer Banking.

The school, which uses the facilities of the University of Virginia, has as one of its primary objectives aiding banks in training management personnel in consumer banking. In addition to extension problems, each student attending the school is required to submit an original thesis dealing with current banking issues related to the field of consumer credit. A satisfactory thesis is required to obtain a diploma.

Mr. Faulconer is a 1957 graduate of the school, and his thesis "Automobile Physical Damage Insurance Underwriting Procedures," was accepted for the permanent library. Four students have been assigned to him for the current session which will be held August 6 through 18.

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Our sympathy is extended to the family of Mr. Clyde Phelps who died around 4:30 Monday.

Mrs. Walker Cawthorne of Crewe, Va. celebrated her little grandson's birthday, John Walker, who was three years old. Also her sister, Mrs. Russell Covington birthday Saturday evening at her mother's home. Mrs. Maggie Gardner with a dinner party. Her sisters and brother and several relatives were present. They all had a wonderful time.

Mrs. Dora Coleman sister, Mrs. Strausesburg and daughter of Richmond visited her this week. On Friday Mrs. Coleman and Mrs. Clarke Moore visited Mrs. Maggie Gardner.

Mr. and Mrs. Tye Bollinger entertained their Sunday School class last Saturday evening with a cook-out.

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